

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

GONZALEZ SANTOS et al.

Group Art Unit:

Application No.:

Filed: April 14, 2006

For: COMPOSITE BIOMATERIALS  
FOR BONE IMPLANTS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To The Commissioner for Patents:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This preliminary amendment is before substantive examination on the merits. Claims 14-29 remain pending. Consideration of the above-captioned application in view of the amendments is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the specification with the attached substitute specification.